

# Indian Mountain Spring Newsletter

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## Calendar Of Events 2021

*\*As more people are vaccinated, and COVID rules relax, Indian Mountain will begin resuming traditional events interrupted by the pandemic.*

### **July 4th Picnic**

The IMMD and IMPOA Boards are planning to have the annual July 4th picnic, barring any issues with regulations. This year we'll provide a served meal with as many individually wrapped items as possible. IMMD will do the main course and sides, and IMPOA will do dessert and drinks.

Volunteers are needed to serve the dishes and help with setup and cleanup. Anyone who can help should contact Samantha at 719-836-9043 at the office or [indianmtn@hotmail.com](mailto:indianmtn@hotmail.com). The picnic date is Saturday, July 3rd.

### **Dumpster Days**

IMPOA-sponsored "Dumpster Day" is held the day after the Picnic. The event is

open to IMPOA members in good standing and runs until the dumpsters are filled (usually by afternoon). See our message below for important information on allowable material.

### **Craft Fair**

We are also looking at a Craft Fair in late September or early October. Again, we need volunteers and participants to organize, set up, and run booths. At this time, we are soliciting the interest of vendors and the availability of volunteers. Please contact Samantha at 719-836-9043 at the office or [indianmtn@hotmail.com](mailto:indianmtn@hotmail.com).

### **Board Meetings**

Regularly scheduled IMMD/IMPOA Board Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Indian Mountain Community Center. The IMMD Board Meeting begins at 9 a.m., and the IMPOA Board Meeting follows.

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## **IMPOA President's Message**

Hello Indian Mountain!

As we all enjoy moments of summer and reminders of winter through our Colorado Spring weather, I know one thing we are all likely enjoying is our incremental moves toward normal after a very long 15 months. Personally, the bulk of my time as a full-time resident in Indian Mountain has been under the cloud of COVID-19, and I am very much looking forward to summer and some of the events we hope to hold here in Indian Mountain so that I can meet more of my neighbors.

Since our last joint newsletter, the IMPOA and IMMD boards have experienced several board member changes. Because of this, we have several new people helping to pull together the events, information, and processes for the boards, including this newsletter, so you may notice some changes!

One of these board member changes is yours truly. While I have been on the IMPOA board for about a year now, following the resignation of Larry Siverson in February, the IMPOA board entrusted me with the position at our February meeting. However, I suspect a different topic discussed at our February meeting is of greater interest to many in Indian Mountain, the topic of a "Mandatory HOA." Please feel free to view the board minutes on the website [here](#); however, on page 2, you will notice the official IMPOA board position is as follows: "*Due to the*

*negative responses and a lack of a definitive value proposition the Board has decided to indefinitely table the investigation into becoming a mandatory HOA."*

Regardless of individual feelings on the topic, I hope this finality to the issue helps all of us move forward as we look toward connecting, reconnecting, and finally enjoying our community, lovely surroundings, and exciting events.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months, and here's to a sunny and warm mountain summer!

*Kathryn Abrahamson*  
IMPOA Board President

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## IMMD President's Message

Hello from the IMMD Board,

On behalf of your Board of Directors of the Indian Mountain Metropolitan District, we hope this pandemic year is looking brighter and wish you a great summer. Indian Mountain is the place to be.

We have been working on routine maintenance issues (e.g., RV dump station, Comfort Station, water meter compliance, financial accounting) but also some not-so routine projects like an open enrollment season for 30 new residents to join our IM Water Service Program, filling a Board vacancy, updating the IMMD website, and work at Breton Park (formerly called Gold Pan Park).

The District is doing well and is in good hands. Financial matters are solid and there is an experienced team of five Board members. Our next administrative adventure is called a "Reserve Study"; that is, what is the useful and remaining life of all our IM assets like the comfort station, lodge, picnic pavilion, dump station, community center, decks, parking areas, signage, trails, playground, etc. Replacement or refurbishment of these facilities needs to be planned for in our 5-year budget. The outcome of this project will better enable us to allocate monies into a reserve account for such events.

Please know you are welcomed to attend our monthly regular business Board meeting convened on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11am, followed by the monthly meeting of the Indian Mountain Property Owners Association. It is

a great way to meet people and get informed about the issues facing Indian Mountain.

Cheers,

*Glenn Haas*

IMMD Interim President

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## IMMD Facilities Notice

**The Lodge** is open for rental and is filling up quickly for the summer months, if you or your guests need to reserve it, I would encourage you to contact the office and check dates and get penciled in on the calendar. We will be doing a little furniture (graciously donated items) and decorating upgrades to make it more lodge like, so keep your eyes on the new website for pictures.

The IMMD has added a locking lid to our **Dump Station** this year to help cut down on outside use and overfilling. This lid requires the same square key that opens the water pump there for rinsing. If you have that key, you don't need anything else. If you do need the key, please stop by the Community Center office during business hours, 9:00 -1:00, Wednesday through Saturday. The keys are \$25.00, and you will need proof of address.

**The Burn Pit** is scheduled to open on June 4th and 5th from 9:00 to 5:00. The pit will be open if we have volunteers to man the shifts from 9:00 to 1:00 and from 1:00 to 5:00 each day, so if you can volunteer, please do. Sign up online at [indianmountain.info](http://indianmountain.info), on NextDoor or call the office at 719-836-9043 and let me know. The Pit closes once it is full, so the rush is on to get your slash here!

**The Community Center** is again hosting weekly events for the community to participate in for free.

- Tuesdays from 9:30 to 3:30 quilting group meets.
- Every third Tuesday from noon to 3:30 is book club.
- Every Thursday from noon to 3:30 you can play pool with your neighbors.
- Sundays from 9:00 to noon you can attend a church service and Bible study.

All are welcome to attend any of these and more info is available if needed. Call 719-836-9043 if you are interested in starting something for the neighborhood to participate in, please let me know. New activities are good!

Thank you,

*Samantha*

IMMD District Manager

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## Time On The Mountain

Years ago my wife and I decided that at least for some times we needed to remove ourselves from the pace and the noise of the city. Granted it wasn't the noise of where I grew up outside of the District of Columbia, nor was it the still of a Wisconsin farm where she was raised it was a sirens call of the Rocky Mountains. We weren't sure exactly what that meant. Was it back packing on mountain trails that seemed to be everywhere as we researched places to see; car camping at the many places where there were organized campgrounds or did it mean getting a pop up camper or an RV? While driving back from some adventure we had been on roads and saw lots of For Sale signs, we thought, why can't we just buy a piece of land and camp on it?

There were lots of talks on the pros and cons of all we had talked about. Could we do this in the winter? Would we want to? Would our friends want to join us in any of these endeavors? We discovered each of these had their own drawbacks. Our thoughts turned to a permanent structure; this would make so much of what we wanted in the mountains easier to take. One of the topics that helped make the decision to buy land and build were the things we did in our youth, football, Rugby, skiing, climbing, softball and Aikido. Needless to say we decided there would not be many nights of sleeping on the ground.

All these years later we think back to the miles we put on our vehicles driving around Park County. For eight weekends in row we looked at the new listings we had found that week. Each time we descended Kenosha Pass the one peak in the foreground to the east beckoned. We stopped at the Real Estate office to get a map and see what listings they had. They told us that Indian Mountain was a nice place. It didn't take us long to figure that out.

At the end of a long day of driving and looking there was one more lot left to look at, but I was ready to leave and drive home she talked me into making those last turns. Here it is, Nez Perce. I perked up a little. Chief Joseph. I was sure she knew who he was so I only enlightened her on part of his famous speech, "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more, forever." We walked the property and when we got to the top and saw the views, we were sold.

We spent almost 50 weekends and holidays of blood, sweat and yes a few tears in building our place. Thus we implanted ourselves on Indian Mountain. This is the place where we truly live. I have met others on Indian Mountain who feels the same. We came here looking for space for peace in mind, body, heart and soul. We found this not only through the land but the people that we have met and become friends with. In every sense we have become part of a village.

As we show respect to the land for what she provides we do also for our neighbors that share the village. In our time on the mountain we have found the peace we were looking for. It has given the space and energy to make our music, write our books as well as enjoy the land and the company of those around us.

*Harry Hill*

IMPOA Board Member

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## From The WSP Administrators

First of all, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to our members who make our lives easy by reporting accurately and on time every month! Thank you so much!

We are excited to welcome 30 new members to the Indian Mountain Water Service Program. We will email the new enrollees soon regarding the next steps to take.

Thanks to conversations with our IMMD Board President Glenn Haas, our water meter certifier Jeremy Allenbaugh has graciously offered us a huge discount. Instead of his usual \$310, he has offered to certify meters in Indian Mountain for \$200, provided we can schedule 3 to 4 appointments per day. We will soon post a sign-up sheet on the Indian Mountain Website for appointments

during August.

For questions regarding water augmentation or the IM WSP, please email us at [indianmountainmetrodist@gmail.com](mailto:indianmountainmetrodist@gmail.com).

We hope that everyone has a great summer, if summer ever decides to grace us with her presence.

*Jackie Middelhoek and Patrick Smith*

WSP Administrators

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## Disc Golf Anyone?



Looking for something to do with friends and/or family while you are enjoying Indian Mountain? How about Disc Golf? This is a great way to enjoy the fresh air and scenery (and get your exercise too)! We have an 18 “hole course” right in the

Indian Mountain Park located at 1996 Chief Trail. Disc golf, much like traditional golf, is all about getting your disc into the basket at the end of a hole with the fewest throws possible. Compared to frisbees (that can be used), disc golf discs are smaller in diameter, heavier, and made from specialized plastics that help their durability and flying characteristics a great deal. They also fly further and can fly more accurately when thrown properly by throwing the disc flat, straight, and with sufficient power.





When enjoying a round of golf, keep these things in mind:

1. Always obey Indian Mountain Park Rules.
2. Respect the course and the mountain.
3. Let faster players play through.
4. Return lost discs that you may find to the equipment box.
5. Stay hydrated.
6. Consider carrying a whistle or airhorn to scare off wildlife that you may encounter, or bring a buddy who runs slower than you do 🤪

While you are at Indian Mountain Park, consider enjoying a picnic lunch or our other amenities. To learn more about all Indian Mountain has to offer check out [Indian Mountain Metropolitan District](#).

*Karen Goodman*

IMMD Board Treasurer



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## IMMD Website Has A New Look!

For some time, the IMMD website needed updating in order to comply with the American With Disabilities Act requirements. Sound simple? Not so much! Rich Reindel, an Indian Mountain property owner and a long-time volunteer, is the web master for both the IMPOA and IMMD websites. The IMMD website was originally created over 10 years ago and needed to take advantage of the new technology and products available for websites. In addition to meeting the ADA requirements, it needed to be accessible by more than one specific person and from any computer – not just a specific computer. Backup administrative support and redundancy were also criteria that needed to be met. During the week of April 5<sup>th</sup>, the new, updated website went live. The major updates were behind the scenes, but the website has some changes in layout, organization of topics, new pictures, new colors, etc. Over the next several months, additional new and updated pictures will be added to provide more visual information on the facilities. Take a minute or two and check out the new look - <https://indianmountain.info>

*Marcia Logan*

IMMD Board Secretary

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## IMPOA Dumpster Day 2021

*Please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 4th;  
from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.*

IMPOA will have **THREE 40-yard dumpster containers again this year** in the parking area at the Community Center, 31 Keneu Ct. IMPOA provides these dumpsters to ALL Indian Mountain property owners for disposal of unwanted refuse.

As always, **there are some items not allowed in the containers**, such as tires, paint, electrical items, light bulbs, oil, appliances with Freon (refrigerators), any type of slash or trees (take them to the burn pit), and any type of hazardous waste or garbage. These restrictions are those of the dumpster supplier, not IMPOA, so we cannot make exceptions. Items that are allowed include furniture, construction

material, household items, and general non-hazardous refuse. This is a great way to clean up, clean out and spruce up our beautiful homes.

**PLEASE** break down large bulky items (dressers, cabinets, cardboard boxes, etc.) to save time and consolidate space in the dumpsters. **Mattresses MUST be dry.** They are extremely heavy if allowed to get wet.

**The dumpsters are free to IMPOA members in good standing (dues are current).** For non-members, the cost is \$45, which pays for your IMPOA membership, and then the dumpsters are free! Monitors will be checking loads and will have a current members list for verification. Please, no early arrivals. We start at 8:00 am on the dot will close at 2:00 pm or when the dumpsters are full. With three dumpsters, we expect to be open past noon, as has been the case in previous years.

*Note: Again this year, there will be a metal scrapper on-site to take large and small metal items.*

*Jim Scherrer*  
IMPOA Board Secretary

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## IMMD News

This summer is off to an exciting start, and I am anxious to start seeing my friends and neighbors out and about again! We are pleased to announce that the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic will again be happening this year on July 3, from noon until 3pm. It will be a little different than usual though. This year we will not do potluck and instead most of the food will be prepared and packaged prior to the picnic in individual serving sizes and then the main dish will be served to each. We love all the individual creations that each bring to our potlucks however considering the ongoing pandemic and issues there, we feel this is the best option to be able to get together and see our neighbors. I hope next year we can resume our normal tradition. If you are available to help with setup and clean-up, please email me or call the office, I need about 5 volunteers to help the Thursday and Friday prior. [indianmtn@hotmail](mailto:indianmtn@hotmail) and 719-836-9043.

Thank you and see you there!

*Samantha Bertin*

IMMD District Manager

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